

## REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the personal conference with the Examiner.

The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the personal conference has been gratefully acknowledged.

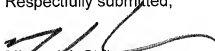
In connection with the suggestions made during the conference, the independent claims currently on file have been amended as proposed. It is believed that these claims clearly and patentably distinguish the present invention from the prior art and should be allowed, together with the dependent claims which depend on the corresponding independent claims and should be allowed as well.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance,

then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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